

EMR warns customers of widespread disruption

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East Midlands Railway (EMR) has warned that it will be unable to run services on Saturday 2 December, as a result of industrial action by the train drivers' union ASLEF.

The strike action is part of a programme of industrial action that will affect 16 train companies from December 1 – 9. The union has developed this new staggered approach to create a series of negative impacts, with the wider aim of creating wide-ranging disruption and cancellations across the network – affecting different train operators on different days.

As a result, EMR services will be very busy throughout the industrial action and customers may be unable to board their preferred service. Customers are being advised to check EMR's website and understand how their full journey is impacted before travelling – especially due to strike action impacting different train operators on different days.

Strike action's impact on services

December 1: Services will likely be extremely busy due to no EMR services on Saturday, 2 December.

December 2: Do not attempt to travel. No EMR services will run.

December 3: EMR Services will be very busy due to engineering works on the East Coast Mainline and strike action taking place affecting other train operators serving the capital. This will mean a significant increase in customers using EMR Intercity services – especially at London St Pancras. To manage this, a number of EMR Regional services have been cancelled to free up resources.

Intercity: No services will call at Bedford and Luton

Connect

- Planned to run normal Sunday timetable
- Southbound Connect services start at 10:00 (From Corby to Kettering only)
- First southbound service from Corby to London St Pancras – 11:41
- First northbound service from London St Pancras to Corby – 12:14

Regional

- No services will run between Derby and Crewe
- No services will run between Sleaford and Skegness
- No services will run between Nottingham and Liverpool Lime Street

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Action short of strike by ASLEF union members. Customers are advised to check our website for the latest information here: <https://www.eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk/rail-strike>.

Will Rogers, Managing Director of East Midlands Railway, said: “This industrial action is a new approach from the ASLEF union. It’s staggered designed means different parts of the network and different train operating companies are affected at different times.

“Unfortunately, this will mean customers could be impacted by a complicated period of possible delays and disruption.

“We cannot run any services on Saturday, December 2 – while services will be extremely busy on Sunday, December 3.

“The safety of customers is our number one priority and so passengers should expect crowd control measures in some stations. Customers are strongly advised to check our website to understand how their whole journey is affected before setting off and can expect possible disruption or late notice cancellations.”